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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 and 44-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40, 44-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the response filed on 29 September 2005, which has been entered in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3-6, 11-14, 17, 18, 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor (US 5,578,808, of record) in view of Ishii et al. (US 5,541,985, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Ishii').

Re claims 1, 11-13, 17: Taylor teaches a method for managing multi-application data card using with a card reader (not shown) wherein the data card stores multiple applications such as American Express, Visa, Master Charge, Discovery, various other application as shown in figure 1 wherein the stored multiple application are initially disabled in which the multiple application serves as data transfer application, identifying (45 and 146) of user by verifying the PIN entered by user wherein such identifying user serves as identifying multiple applications registered to the particular user of the card, presenting (47 and 152) stored multiple applications for user's selection wherein such presenting of the stored multiple application serves as displaying an identifier of the multiple applications that user can select accordingly and selecting

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particular applications to be executed, authorizing the transaction of particular transaction (54 and 198) when the authentication (196) of the user is successful wherein such authorizing the transaction of the transaction serves as enabling the data transfer application for use by the user, exiting selected application after completing requested transaction (e.g., adding charging to the account balance, etc.) wherein the exiting selected application serves as disabling the application (see figs. 1-9; col. 3, line 21- col. 8, line 62),

However, Taylor fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that a mobile device is a cellular phone or mobile electronic device in communication with a removable card and transmitting first transaction information and receiving second transaction information to/from a second device.

Ishii teaches a cellular phone (10) comprising an IC card reader/writer (16) for receiving an IC card (22) serving as a mobile electronic device, and transmitting personal authorization number serving as a first transaction information to a host computer of the credit company (S19') wherein the host computer serves as a second device and receiving a return code (S23') or receiving the second transaction information from the host computer, and transmitting and receiving transaction information can be conducted using an antenna (14) or using the wireless interface (see figs. 2 -10; col. 2, line 60- col. 3, line 26; col. 5, line 25-col. 8, line 28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Ishii to the teachings of Taylor in order to provide a convenience to a user(s) wherein the user(s) wish to conduct various

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transaction such as credit card transaction using the application stored in the IC card as taught by Taylor in addition to communicate with other users using the cellular phone as taught by Ishii.

Re claims 3 and 4: Taylor teaches that each application of the data card having containing PIN number or a second authentication code wherein stored PIN number is compared with the PIN number or first authentication code entered by users (45 and 146).

Re claims 5 and 6: Taylor also teaches to verify the user for granting of executing particular application using the biometric signature (196) such as a voice print as suggested for verifying user of the card (46).

Re claim 14: Taylor teaches the data card storing a plurality of applications such as American Express, Visa, Master Charge, Discovery, etc. wherein American Express, Visa, Master Charge, Discovery, other various applications names serves as a user0specified nickname for presenting particular application, that is, each and every application name is associating/representing actual application information such as account numbers.

Re Claims 18, 21, and 22: Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the card reader for accessing the data card having a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the registering of data application for use by the user or a service provider. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to realize that a plurality of application stored in the data card can be installed or registered

by the user, service provider, and/or provider of the electronic device, that is, the user can install or register an application as shown in figure 4 of Taylor such as a prepaid card account to the data card by user, a service provider of the application such as credit company (e.g., AMEX, VISA, etc.) can install or register the application to the data card, and/or the retail store or a provider of the portable card reader for conducting transactions such purchasing the goods and services can install or register the account number for the user to the card reader.

Re claim 23: Taylor teaches to selects another application (168) after completion of a transaction using selected application (200) in which serves as disabling selected application following completion of processing by the enabled application (see Figs. 6-8; col. 6, line 62-col. 8, line 9).

Re claim 24: Taylor teaches to selects another application (168) after completion of a transfer funds (218) that is initiated user (see Figs. 6-8; col. 8, lines 10-39).

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sukeda et al. (US 6,659,345, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Sukeda').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the card reader for accessing the data card having a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the authentication mechanism operated independent of the application stored in the smart card.

However, Sukeda teaches a smart card (110) comprising a processor for rights to play (213) for authenticating the right of play (222 and 222') for executing application or module independently (see Figs. 4, 9-11; col. 10, lines 23- 63; col. 13, line 17- col. 16, line 42).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Sukeda to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide a centralized authenticating system by controlling the plurality of application using single authentication module for authenticating the user's rights to play or execute particular application in which such centralized controlling system generally provide an maintenance friendly system.

5. Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Beatson et al. (US 5,892,824)(hereinafter referred to as 'Beatson').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the data card comprising a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions using authentication means, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the user signature is compared with signature stored in the card associated with the data transfer application.

However, Beatson teaches that user is authenticated by comparing signature information stored in the smart card (66) with signature information captured when the

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user signed the receipt during transaction electronically (see Figs. 2 and 6; col. 8, line 65- col. 9, line 28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Beatson to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide an improved security by comparing the lave captured signature with signature information stored in the smart card for preventing unauthorized use of the card.

6. Claims 9, 10, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Teicher et al. (US 6,257,486, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Teicher').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the data card comprising a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions using authentication means, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the user can attempt authentication up to a predetermined number of times.

However, Teicher teaches a smart card PIN system wherein user is challenged to enter the PIN number within predetermined number of times or predetermined time period for accessing smart card (see fig. 6; col. 5, line 59- col. 7, line 53).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings (i.e., allowing the user to provide PIN number up to a predetermined number of time) of Teicher to the teachings (i.e.,

authorizing to execute particular application) of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide an improved security by limiting attempt to access the stored data in the card in case of lost of data card then unauthorized access of the data card is attempted.

7. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Allen et al. (US 6,776,332, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Allen').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the data card comprising a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions using authentication means, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the method comprising displaying of an identifier for representing one application thereon.

However, Allen teaches a smart card (102) comprising a LCD device (212) for displaying information thereon and a scroll keys (240 and 236) for navigating the text on the display (see Fig. 2; col. 4, line 66- col. 5, line 25).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Allen to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide a user-friendly system for displaying one identifier such as a name of application on the display of the smart card wherein the user can scroll down/up to verify/select the proper application registered to the particular users among list of applications available to the user for various transactions such as a credit card transaction using particular credit card.

8. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kraft (US 6,411,822, of record).

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the card reader for accessing the data card having a plurality of application registered by the user, they fails to particularly teach that the user is prompted to enter the identifier for the application and stored the identifier in the mobile device.

However, Kraft teaches a mobile device or a phone (1) for receiving a SIM card (16) having a plurality of records wherein each record can be identified by the user according to name and/or number as shown in figure 3, and the entire records of the SIM card is copied into the RAM memory of the phone (see Fogs. 1-4; col. 3, line 51-col. 6, line 18).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Kraft to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide faster executing or accessing of the user selected application stored in the data card by copying applications including an authentication data such as the PIN number associated with application stored in the card into the memory of the phone wherein each and every application can be identified by associated unique identification such as a name or a number entered during registering of each and every records by the user.

9. Claims 26, 28- 31, and 36-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Ishii.

Re claims 26, 36-40: Taylor teaches a method for managing multi-application data card using with a card reader (not shown) wherein the data card stores multiple applications such as American Express, Visa, Master Charge, Discovery, various other application as shown in figure 1 wherein the stored multiple application are initially disabled in which the multiple application serves as data transfer application, identifying (45 and 146) of user by verifying the PIN entered by user wherein such identifying user serves as identifying multiple applications registered to the particular user of the card and the specific card vendor requires (196) an additional user authentication using a PIN. Password, biometric signature, or digitally encoded program in which such additional authentication means serves as the transaction does not require an additional user authentication for particular transaction, presenting (47 and 152) stored multiple applications for user's selection wherein such presenting of the stored multiple application serves as displaying an identifier of the multiple applications that user can select accordingly and selecting particular applications to be executed, authorizing the transaction of particular transaction (54 and 198) when the authentication (196) of the user is successful wherein such authorizing the transaction of the transaction serves as enabling the data transfer application for use by the user, exiting selected application after completing requested transaction (e.g., adding

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charging to the account balance, etc.) wherein the exiting selected application serves as disabling the application (see figs. 1-9; col. 3, line 21- col. 8, line 62),

However, Taylor fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that a mobile device is a cellular phone or mobile electronic device in communication with a removable card and transmitting first transaction information and receiving second transaction information to/from a second device.

Ishii teaches a cellular phone (10) comprising an IC card reader/writer (16) for receiving an IC card (22) serving as a mobile electronic device, and transmitting personal authorization number serving as a first transaction information to a host computer of the credit company (S19') wherein the host computer serves as a second device and receiving a return code (S23') or receiving the second transaction information from the host computer, and transmitting and receiving transaction information can be conducted using an antenna (14) or using the wireless interface (see figs. 2 -10; col. 2, line 60- col. 3, line 26; col. 5, line 25-col. 8, line 28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Ishii to the teachings of Taylor in order to provide a convenience to a user(s) wherein the user(s) wish to conduct various transaction such as credit card transaction using the application stored in the IC card as taught by Taylor in addition to communicate with other users using the cellular phone as taught by Ishii.

Re claims 28 and 29: Taylor teaches that each application of the data card having containing PIN number or a second authentication code wherein

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stored PIN number is compared with the PIN number or first authentication code entered by users (45 and 146).

Re claims 30, 31: Taylor also teaches to verify the user for granting of executing particular application using the biometric signature (196) such as a voice print as suggested for verifying user of the card (46).

10. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 26 above, and further in view of Sukeda et al. (US 6,659,345, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Sukeda').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the card reader for accessing the data card having a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the authentication mechanism operated independent of the application stored in the smart card.

However, Sukeda teaches a smart card (110) comprising a processor for rights to play (213) for authenticating the right of play (222 and 222') for executing application or module independently (see Figs. 4, 9-11; col. 10, lines 23- 63; col. 13, line 17- col. 16, line 42).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Sukeda to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide a centralized authenticating system by controlling the plurality of application using single authentication module for authenticating the user's

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rights to play or execute particular application in which such centralized controlling system generally provide an maintenance friendly system.

11. Claims 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 26 above, and further in view of Beatson et al. (US 5,892,824)(hereinafter referred to as 'Beatson').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the data card comprising a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions using authentication means, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the user signature is compared with signature stored in the card associated with the data transfer application.

However, Beatson teaches that user is authenticated by comparing signature information stored in the smart card (66) with signature information captured when the user signed the receipt during transaction electronically (see Figs. 2 and 6; col. 8, line 65- col. 9, line 28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Beatson to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide an improved security by comparing the lave captured signature with signature information stored in the smart card for preventing unauthorized use of the card.

12. Claims 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claim 26 above, and further in view of Teicher et al. (US 6,257,486, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Teicher').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the data card comprising a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions using authentication means, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the user can attempt authentication up to a predetermined number of times.

However, Teicher teaches a smart card PIN system wherein user is challenged to enter the PIN number within predetermined number of times or predetermined time period for accessing smart card (see fig. 6; col. 5, line 59- col. 7, line 53).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings (i.e., allowing the user to provide PIN number up to a predetermined number of time) of Teicher to the teachings (i.e., authorizing to execute particular application) of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide an improved security by limiting attempt to access the stored data in the card in case of lost of data card then unauthorized access of the data card is attempted.

13. Claims 44, 46-49, 52, 53, 55-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Ishii.

Re claims 44, 52, 53: Taylor teaches a method for managing multi-application data card using with a card reader (not shown) wherein the data card stores

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multiple applications such as American Express, Visa, Master Charge, Discovery, various other application as shown in figure 1 wherein the stored multiple application are initially disabled in which the multiple application serves as data transfer application, identifying (45 and 146) of user by verifying the PIN entered by user wherein such identifying user serves as identifying multiple applications registered to the particular user of the card and the specific card vendor requires (196) an additional user authentication using a PIN. Password, biometric signature, or digitally encoded program in which such additional authentication means serves as the transaction does not require an additional user authentication for particular transaction, presenting (47 and 152) stored multiple applications for user's selection wherein such presenting of the stored multiple application serves as displaying an identifier of the multiple applications that user can select accordingly and selecting particular applications to be executed, authorizing the transaction of particular transaction (54 and 198) when the authentication (196) of the user is successful wherein such authorizing the transaction of the transaction serves as enabling the data transfer application for use by the user, exiting selected application after completing requested transaction (e.g., adding charging to the account balance, etc.) wherein the exiting selected application serves as disabling the application (see figs. 1-9; col. 3, line 21- col. 8, line 62),

However, Taylor fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that a mobile device comprises a processor, a display, an input device, a computer readable storage medium.

Ishii teaches a cellular phone (10) comprising an IC card reader/writer (16) for receiving an IC card (22) serving as a mobile electronic device, wherein the cellular phone comprises a processor (24), a display 13), an input device (29), and a storage medium (24) for operating the cellular phone including transmitting/receiving information therewith via the wireless interface (see figs. 2 -10; col. 2, line 60- col. 3, line 26; col. 5, line 25-col. 8, line 28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Ishii to the teachings of Taylor in order to provide a convenience to a user(s) wherein the user(s) wish to conduct various transaction such as credit card transaction using the application stored in the IC card as taught by Taylor in addition to communicate with other users using the cellular phone as taught by Ishii.

Re claims 46, 47, 55, 56: Taylor teaches that each application of the data card having containing PIN number or a second authentication code wherein stored PIN number is compared with the PIN number or first authentication code entered by users (45 and 146).

Re claims 48, 49, 57, 58: Taylor also teaches to verify the user for granting of executing particular application using the biometric signature (196) such as a voice print as suggested for verifying user of the card (46).

14. Claims 45 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claims 44 and 52 above, and further in view of Sukeda et al. (US 6,659,345, of record)(hereinafter referred to as 'Sukeda').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the card reader for accessing the data card having a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions, they fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the authentication mechanism operated independent of the application stored in the smart card.

However, Sukeda teaches a smart card (110) comprising a processor for rights to play (213) for authenticating the right of play (222 and 222') for executing application or module independently (see Figs. 4, 9-11; col. 10, lines 23- 63; col. 13, line 17- col. 16, line 42).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Sukeda to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide a centralized authenticating system by controlling the plurality of application using single authentication module for authenticating the user's rights to play or execute particular application in which such centralized controlling system generally provide an maintenance friendly system.

15. Claims 50, 51, 59, 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor as modified by Ishii as applied to claims 44 and 52 above, and further in view of Beatson et al. (US 5,892,824)(hereinafter referred to as 'Beatson').

The teachings of Taylor/Ishii have been discussed above.

Although, Taylor/Ishii teaches the data card comprising a plurality of application stored therein for conducting various transactions using authentication means, they fails

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to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the user signature is compared with signature stored in the card associated with the data transfer application.

However, Beatson teaches that user is authenticated by comparing signature information stored in the smart card (66) with signature information captured when the user signed the receipt during transaction electronically (see Figs. 2 and 6; col. 8, line 65- col. 9, line 28).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Beatson to the teachings of Taylor/Ishii in order to provide an improved security by comparing the lave captured signature with signature information stored in the smart card for preventing unauthorized use of the card.

Response to Arguments

16. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-40 and 44-60 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In response to the applicant argument that "...a card read does not have one or more data transfer application stored on it" (see page 15, line 15+), the Examiner respectfully provides Ishii reference wherein the Ishii discloses a cellular phone receiving the IC card as discussed in paragraph 3 above.


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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seung H. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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